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Veteran Health Care Report and Toolkits for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs presents a report quarterly presenting data on Veterans of recent conflicts who have used VA health care. These conflicts are Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND). The two most common diagnoses were musculoskeletal ailments (58.2%) and mental disorders (54.4%). A Veteran can have more than one diagnosis. The [Most Recent Report](#) and past reports are available online.

The National Organization on Disability (NOD) and [Give an Hour](#), an organization that links veterans with mental health services, produced toolkits on strategies to successfully integrate returning veterans into workplaces. These toolkits cover a range of topics:

- [Welcoming Service Members and Veterans Home](#);
- [Common Employer Questions about Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#), and
- [Productivity Support for People with PTSD](#).

National Survey on Disability Employment

NCIL, RespectAbilityUSA, the American Association of People with Disabilities, Best Buddies, Autism Society, National Federation of the Blind, DD Councils and others developed a [National Survey on Disability Issues](#). It focuses on employment. They are seeking responses from people living in the United States who have disabilities, their families, and people who work with or on behalf of people with disabilities.

The results of this brief survey will be shared broadly to help people with disabilities, but individual answers will remain

confidential. If you are interested in completing or sharing you can find the [Disability Survey](#) online.

New Resources



[2013 National Disability Policy: A Progress Report: Strength in Our Differences](#) summarizes the status of federal laws and programs serving an estimated 57 million Americans with disabilities, their families, and the diverse segments of the disability community in fulfillment of the National Council on Disabilities' (NCD) statutory mandate to annually report and make recommendations concerning the state of disability policy in the United States. It draws from interviews.



[The Balancing Act: Integrating Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations into a Managed Care Environment](#) from the Center for Health Care Strategies can help guide state Medicaid agencies in successfully implementing ACOs within a managed care environment. It is a product of Advancing Accountable Care Organizations in Medicaid: A Learning Collaborative, which was made possible by The Commonwealth Fund and the Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute, a program of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. Through the learning collaborative, ACO innovators from seven states gathered to accelerate ACO program development and address key issues.



[The Senate Special Committee on Aging Fraud Hotline](#) will make it easier for older Americans to report suspected fraud and find assistance for themselves or for someone they know. A team of investigators will help figure out what steps to take to combat possible investment scams, identity theft, bogus sweepstakes and lottery schemes, Medicare and Social Security fraud, and a variety of other consumer issues.

Upcoming Events & Conferences

1) ACL Webinar on Support for Demonstration Ombudsman Programs Serving Dually Eligible Medicare-Medicaid Beneficiaries

Hosted by ACL's Center for Disability and Aging Policy, this webinar will focus on the funding opportunity announcement for the Demonstration Ombudsman Programs (which serve dually eligible beneficiaries of the Financial Alignment Model). The webinar will provide a program overview, eligibility requirements, proposal evaluation criteria, and examples of successfully funded program models.

***Thursday, November 21, 1:00 PM ET**

[*Register Here](#)

2) What's Research Got to do with It? Applying Evidence-based Practices to Improve the Participation of People with Disabilities and Older Adults in Coordinated Planning

Sponsored by ACL's Strengthening Inclusive Coordinated Transportation Partnerships to Promote Community Living Project, this webinar will address how to identify and use evidence-based practices to engage people with disabilities and older adults in coordinated transportation planning.

***Friday, November 22, 2:00 PM ET**

[*Register Here](#)

3) Webinar Series on Senior Transportation

The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) is offering a series of webinars which will provide participants with ideas and practical suggestions on how to secure local match dollars for federal grants. The webinar series entitled, Don't Gamble on Senior Transportation Funding: Winning Local Match for Federal Grants, will offer expert presenters, resources, and brief practical homework assignments designed to impact participants' agencies directly. Throughout the webinars, participants will develop a working document that can be used as a planning tool for future local match funding solutions. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to discussions solutions with fellow participants through an online course forum.

***Final webinar: Monday, November 25, 2:00 PM ET**

[*More Information](#)

[*Register for Individual Webinars](#)

4) Hawaii HCBS Conference: A National Perspective for Local Aging and Disability Professionals

The Hawaii Executive Office on Aging has partnered with the NASUAD to host the 2013 Hawaii HCBS Conference. Participants will include federal, state, and local policymakers and those who administer, manage and deliver waiver and other HCBS programs. Presentations and workshops will be provided by leaders from the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration; the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities; the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; the National Council of Independent Living, and many others on national trends and innovations in aging and disability programs.

***December 2-5, 2013**

***Honolulu, HI**

[*Register Here](#)

[*Conference Webpage](#)

TAE Tip of the Week:

There has been new activity in the [TAE Online Discussion Forum](#) on the ADRC-TAE Website. You can access the TAE Online Discussion Forum in the side navigation window on the homepage (below the Twitter and "ADRCs in the News" buttons). Check it out and join the discussion!

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